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Comments on the Notice of Intent to
Prepare an EIS on the Cape Wind Project
Minerals Management Service
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Our comments are in the order of the published request by MMS:

- Modifying the project size

The size should not be reduced. The proposed size will provide about 75% of the electrical needs of the Cape and Islands. The large size is needed to counter the high costs of electricity borne by New England customers of the highly polluting, aging plants at Mirant in Sandwich and Brayton Point. The emissions from these plants contribute to the already poor air quality coming from the mid-west into New England, causing adverse health effects on our population as well as impairing the health of our ponds and estuaries and their fish populations. Use of a significantly sized wind farm will pioneer in reducing our Country's carbon dioxide emissions to help lower climate change and global warming.

- Phasing Project Development

We are unalterably opposed to phasing the project development. This project has already undergone years of greater scrutiny than any other energy development, at a time when we are in dire and immediate need of alternative, renewable energy. Further delays can lead to rolling blackouts, about which ISO-NE has already warned us. There is no good reason for phasing project development, since near shore wind farms are already tested and working in Denmark, Ireland, Germany, Spain, UK and other European countries, as well as around the world. This is not new nor untried technology.

- Reconfiguring the Project & Considering Alternative Sites


Careful study went into the siting of the Cape Wind Project. Ocean sites provide higher velocity, less variable winds than land based sites, while Nantucket Sound provides protection from some times huge North Atlantic storm waves that affect the deep water sites. Horseshoe Shoal has the advantages of proximity to grid connection where the electricity will be used; while it is not in the shipping lanes, and is too shallow an area for deep draft vessels, including draggers and large sailboats.

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The project has already undergone extensive evaluation by seventeen or more reputable agencies; already has an Environmental Impact Statement (thousands of pages!); has had extensive public comment and public hearings which have been long, acrimonious, and very divisive. The proposed delays are contrary to best interests of the people of Cape Cod, the power needs of Massachusetts and New England, the reputation of leadership of our country, and the World need to counter Global Warming.

Please, we beg of you, do not allow these unwarranted delays to occur!

Sincerely,


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